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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: Eternal God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

Once again, we come to You to ask wisdom, patience, peace, and understanding for the Members of this people's House. The words and sentiments that have been spoken and heard in these recent days were born of principle, conviction, and commitment.

We ask discernment for the Members that they might judge anew their adherence to principle, conviction, and commitment, lest they slide uncharitably toward an inability to listen to one another, and work cooperatively to solve the important issues of our day.

Give them the generosity of heart and the courage of true leadership to work toward a common solution with sacrifice on both sides. We pray that their work results, not in a Nation comprised of winners and losers, but where our citizens know in their hearts that we Americans are all winners.

May all that is done this day be for Your greater honor and glory.  
Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Rhode Island (Mr. CICILLINE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. CICILLINE led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 5 1-minute requests on each side.

### DOMESTIC MINOR TRAFFICKING

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, walking home from school, a girl of 12 is approached by a man who promises to give her everything. In her short life, she has already suffered abuse and neglect from her father and her foster parents. She thinks the promise of food and shelter and love is something she cannot pass up. But the man takes the girl to a hotel room where he beats her, forces her to do drugs and rapes her. Then she is sold on the Internet, is taken from hotel to hotel around the country, and is regularly raped by multiple men and treated as a piece of property.

She becomes a sex slave.

This is the plight of an actual domestic minor sex trafficking victim in the United States.

We cannot continue to be blissfully ignorant of this crime against these victims. As cochair of the Victims' Rights Caucus, along with JIM COSTA (CA), I commend the work of CAROLYN MALONEY (NY) and CHRIS SMITH (NJ) for their legislation to help stop this scourge of child sex trafficking.

These children need to be rescued and treated as victims, not criminals. The customers and the traffickers need to be arrested, tried before a jury of 12, and need to get their just rewards for having been involved in sex slave trafficking.

And that's just the way it is.

### REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 2920

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to remove my name as a cosponsor of H.R. 2920.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. DENHAM). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Rhode Island?

There was no objection.

### DR. DONNA OTTAVIANO, SUPERINTENDENT OF NORTH PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

(Mr. CICILLINE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the superintendent of the North Providence, Rhode Island School Department, Donna Ottaviano, who was honored as the Rhode Island Superintendent of the Year by the Rhode Island School Superintendents' Association.

Dr. Ottaviano, who also attended North Providence public schools as a student, has led the North Providence public schools with distinction since 2004.

Dr. Ottaviano has spent nearly 30 years in the educational field as a teacher, principal, assistant superintendent, and public health educator in my home State of Rhode Island. In addition to the tremendous contributions she has made to Rhode Island's education system, she has also devoted her time to breast cancer awareness as well as lending her support to the Rhode Island Special Olympics.

Dr. Ottaviano will be recognized nationally at the annual American Association of School Administrators' National Conference on Education. In addition, a \$1,000 scholarship in Dr. Ottaviano's name will be awarded to a

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